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MONDAY EVENING

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## FIRST DAY OF BIG SUNDAY SCHOOL '15 CONVENTION

Greatest Meeting of Its Kind in History of State.

Advance Guard of Visiting Host Is Coming In.

FROM 6000 TO 9000 EXPECTED

Historical Pageant Participated In by 500 Persons.

Will Be Presented at the Auditorium Tonight.

### PROGRAM.

Monday Night.  
Historical religious pageant for Topeka public at 8 o'clock tonight—Auditorium.

Tuesday.  
8:30 a. m. Three parallel training schools. Adult school, First Methodist church. Teen age school, First Congregational church. Elementary school, First Presbyterian church.  
1:45 p. m. "Looking Backward" session at Auditorium, with reminiscences of fifty years of Sunday school work in Kansas.  
7:30 p. m. Denominational rallies in Topeka churches.  
Registration headquarters on the first floor of the state house.

Delegates to what will be the greatest Sunday school meeting in the history of Kansas began to arrive in Topeka today and by tonight at least one-fourth of the visitors expected—between 6,000 and 9,000—will have reported in the capital city. Tonight at the Auditorium the mammoth historical pageant of religious education, which will be participated in by 500 persons, will be presented in order that the Topeka people may have an opportunity to "take in" this unusual event. The golden jubilee convention of the Kansas Sunday school association will open at 8:30 o'clock and continue until Thursday evening.



Prof. H. Augustine Smith of Chicago, Director of the Great Historical Religious Pageant That Will Be Presented at the Auditorium Tonight.

The pageant spectacle will be repeated Wednesday night as a regular convention feature. Prof. H. Augustine Smith of Chicago is the director. He is being assisted by Miss Mildred Hazelrigg, director of music for the public schools, and Mrs. C. A. Musselman, who up to Saturday had full charge of the work of training the array of persons that will take part. The chorus alone consists of 200 voices.

Arrangements have been made in Topeka to accommodate the great crowd of Sunday school enthusiasts. All railroads entering Topeka have made provisions for special trains and additional coaches, and the street railway company will put on extra service. The international tour party, consisting of Marion Lawrence, Frank L. Brown, the Rev. Charles Ernest Scott, of Tsing Tau, China, and Bert Cashman, are expected to arrive in Topeka Tuesday morning. The international Y. M. C. A. quartet, Miss Meme Brockway of Philadelphia, and out of town Sunday school workers of note will be here tonight.

The music will be a big feature of the convention. Prof. H. Augustine Smith, of Chicago, will be in-charge of this end of the program.

Following is the program for tonight:

Historic Pageant of Religious Education (for Topeka people). Presented by Prof. H. Augustine Smith, of Chicago, Mrs. C. A. Musselman assisting. A popular price admission fee to the pageant will be charged to defray expenses. Tickets 25 cents. At the Auditorium.

## AT PAGEANT TONIGHT



"Parents' Department." A scene in the Sunday school pageant illustrative of the three features of the growth of a child, the physical, mental and spiritual. The scene is more or less mythical, and is beautifully portrayed by members of the Westminster Presbyterian Sunday school.

## IT IS UP TO CHINA FILM IS BARRED

Ultimatum To Be Given by Willard Fight Pictures Will Not Japan Is Report Today. Be Seen in Kansas.

Last Chinese Reply Said To Be Board of Censors Decides the Unsatisfactory. Case on Appeal.

Tokio, May 3.—The Jiji Shimpō, a Japanese newspaper of good standing, issued an extra edition this afternoon in which it states that Japan will send an ultimatum to China, the Chinese reply to the latest Japan communication regarding the demands of the Tokyo government being considered unsatisfactory.

## COME TO TOPEKA

One Thousand Members of Eastern Star Here May 12.

Three Days of Conferences for Kansas "Lady Masons."

One thousand members of the Order of the Eastern Star will be in Topeka May 12, 13 and 14, to attend sessions of the grand chapter which will be held on those dates.

On the evening of May 12 a reception to the grand officers will be held in the rotunda of the state house. The business sessions will be held in Representative Hall.

A Topeka woman, Mrs. Myrtle Scott of North Topeka, is in line of promotion to become grand matron when the election of officers is held. Mrs. Emma Viets of Girard, Kan., is the present grand matron, and Oscar Rice of Fort Scott is grand patron. He will be succeeded by W. M. Boner of Leavenworth, present associate grand patron. Others who are either in line of promotion or who will continue in their present positions are Mrs. Elizabeth McGee, Girard, grand treasurer; Mrs. Della Bennett, Topeka, grand secretary; Mrs. Blanche Wilson, Salina, grand conductor; Mrs. Lillia B. Lennen, Ness City, associate grand conductor.

## SUIT TO ENJOIN P. U. C.

Katy Complains of Rates Order on Gravel and Stone.

Suit to enjoin an order issued April 5, 1915, by governing rates on mine cherts, gravel and rough stone, was today filed with Charles Bowers, clerk of the Shawnee county district court, by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway against the Kansas public utilities commission.

The petition states that the order resulted from a complaint made to the commission by the Commercial club of Galena, Cherokee county, October 5, 1914. The complaint was to the effect that the rates were high. The commission ordered the rates lowered. The railroad now claims that the rates are unreasonable and that they favor the city of Galena in preference to other cities.

## THE GAME TODAY.

Styles Pitching for Topeka—McCoy for Links.

The lineup:  
Topeka—Cochran, 3b. Tallion, 1b. Mayer, cf. Rapps, 1b. Schreiber, 2b. Roche, ss. McAllister, c. McCoy, p.  
Links—Wolfe, lf. McGuffin, ss. Pittsburg, cf. McIntyre, cf. Morris, cf. Krieger, 3b. Moore, c. Styles, p.

Styles is pitching for Topeka in the third game of the series at Western league park this afternoon.

Lincoln made two runs in the first half of the first inning.

## BASEBALL TODAY.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Washington at Boston—Game postponed; wet grounds.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

First Game—R H E  
At Brooklyn..... 3 8 0  
Pittsburg..... 1 1 8  
Brooklyn..... 3 8 0  
Batteries: Hearn and Berry; Upham and Land.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Minneapolis—Kansas City-Minneapolis game postponed; wet grounds.

Women Journalists Meet.

Waco, Texas, May 3.—Problems of interest to the journalistic craft, as seen through women's eyes, were discussed today in the opening of a three-day session of the Texas Woman's Press association here.

## RAISE IS SMALL

Engineers and Firemen Seek to Press Contention.

Say Aggregate Increase Is Only \$820,498 Yearly.

Chicago, May 3.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, after analyzing the arbitration award for three days, today issued a statement in support of their contention that the wage advances granted were very small.

The increases aggregated, according to these figures, \$820,498 a year. The figures are for wages alone, and do not include the value of compensatory rules or overtime allowances granted. The railroads contended throughout the case that to grant every demand made by the men would cost the 98 western roads involved \$40,000,000 a year. The men claim the cost would not run over \$10,000,000.

The award is said to affect engineers on only 5,767 locomotives out of 23,512 in service. The advances to the engineers totals \$21,111,46, according to the brotherhoods. Firemen on 7,005 locomotives out of 23,561 in service receive a total increase of \$599,386.70, it is calculated by the brotherhoods.

Chicago, May 3.—Delegates representing 64,000 engineers, firemen and hostlers on 98 railroads operating west of Chicago were to vote today on a resolution demanding a congressional investigation of the wage award of the arbitration board handed down last week. The resolution it was said, will ask congress to investigate the appointment of Charles Nagel, former secretary of commerce and labor, as a neutral member of the board. Mr. Nagel is a trustee of the Busch estate in St. Louis, which is interested in the railroad industry and he is charged with being prejudiced.

## DELEGATES NAMED.

Kansas Publishers to Attend International Press Congress.

Governor Capper today named five Kansas publishers—four men and a woman—as delegates from this state, to the meeting of the International Press Congress in San Francisco, July 6. The meeting of the congress was called by Walter Williams, dean of the school of journalism, at Missouri university. Five delegates will attend the meeting from each state.

Appointments by Governor Capper today for the International Press Congress: George Marble, Fort Scott Tribune; Frank P. MacLennan, Topeka State Journal; Ed George, Winfield Courier, and Anna Carson, Lindbergh News. Dean Williams has asked governors of each state to select five newspaper publishers to attend the congress.

Moose Lodges at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 3.—The bi-state convention of the Missouri and Kansas Moose lodges opened here today for a three-day session with 600 delegates in attendance.

IN TIMES PAST.

Columbus discovered the Island of Jamaica 421 years ago today. President Lincoln issued a call for 42,054 volunteers for three years' service 54 years ago today. Today is the 95th anniversary of the organization of the first congressional committee on agriculture.

## MURPHY SOUGHT BARNES' HELP

He Wanted Aid to Defeat Direct Primaries Bill.

Newspaper Correspondent Testifies in Roosevelt Suit.

PRINTING GRAFT CHARGED

Roosevelt Alleges Barnes' Newspaper "Played Hog."

Printing Plant Farmed Out Contracts to Other Offices.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 3.—That William Barnes told him Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall had asked for help in 1911 to defeat a direct primaries bill in the state legislature and that the then chairman of the Republican state committee had answered he would refuse the aid asked and had remarked he would not pull the Tammany leader's chestnut from the fire, was the sworn testimony given in the supreme court here today by Walter T. Arndt, formerly Albany correspondent of a New York newspaper.

Arndt was one of several witnesses who were placed on the stand by the defense. Among them was Edward T. Platt, son of the late Thomas C. Platt, former governor of New York. Mr. Platt produced several bundles of letters from the files kept by his father from 1899 to 1909.

Jacob J. Dickinson of Washington, D. C., former newspaper correspondent, testified regarding a conversation he had with Mr. Barnes in which the subject of Governor Hughes' race track legislation was freely discussed. Instead of resting today, as had been [Continued on Page Four.]

## SNYDER IS NAMED

He Succeeds L. R. Lane as Superintendent of Streets.

Lane Is Transferred to the Engineering Department.

J. Frank Snyder, former superintendent of streets, today was appointed to that position to succeed L. R. Lane. The appointment was made by W. G. Tandy and confirmed by the city commission.

Commissioner Tandy in speaking of the change in the office of superintendent of streets said: "The appointment of Mr. Snyder to succeed Mr. Lane is no reflection upon Mr. Lane. Mr. Lane will take a position in the engineering department. Mr. Snyder has been a very close friend of mine for years. He has gone through experiences and hardships for the city worth many times more than any office which the city might bestow upon him."

## PROBE CORPORATIONS

Pullman Company First in Long Series of Inquiries.

Washington, May 3.—Plans for a series of hearings on labor and industrial problems, involving those of a number of large corporations and organizations, was completed today by the United States commission on industrial relations. The first will be opened tomorrow when an inquiry into wages and employment of sleeping car employees will be resumed, with officials of the Pullman company under examination.

Beginning May 10, the commission plans to investigate legal phases of labor controversies. Important subjects set for these hearings include free speech, conspiracy cases, injunctions, the boycott and black list. Eminent authorities on these questions will testify.

A review of the Colorado coal strike and its attendant problems will be resumed by the commission beginning May 17. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will be asked to testify.

## NOTED NEGRO SLAIN.

Girl Shoots Jerry Grider, Philanthropist, at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 3.—Jerry Grider, negro philanthropist and president of a negro orphanage here, was fatally shot today by a 15-year-old negro girl, a charge of the institution. The girl had run away from the orphanage and was enraged because she had been returned.

The girl was arrested.

Drowned in Reservoir.

Yates Center, Kan., May 3.—Three persons, Clark Wells, Mrs. Wells and their one year old son were drowned Sunday in the Yates Center reservoir when a row boat capsized. Wells was 25 years old and his wife 22.

WHAT! NO HOT DOG!

New York, May 3.—No more will the succulent "hot dog" and the alluring pink lemonade add to the enjoyment of a day at the beaches. The board of health has placed the official ban on both and forty inspectors will be there to enforce the ruling. Hereafter, the flakey pokey ice cream, soft drinks and everything worth while are to be subject to inspection and New Yorkers are going to know what they are eating and drinking for their nickels. All of which should prove healthful, although we know of few casualties in the past attributable to the delicacies.

## "STICK TIGHT" IS THEIR NEW MOTTO

Democrat Office Holders Will Stand on Their Records.

Governor Capper's Call for Resignations Is Ignored.

MUST FILE AND PROVE CHARGES

Places on Two State Boards Are Badly Wanted.

They Control From 2,000 to 3,000 State Jobs.

The next move in the fight for patronage control in Kansas is up to Governor Capper. Apparently the Democratic department heads and members of boards have agreed to stand pat. There will be no resignations—bringing a breach of a mutual agreement—and the governor must file charges if he would provide jobs for the pie hunters.

Many things have happened in Kansas since Governor Capper started the movement two weeks ago to replace Democrats with Republicans in the interest of economy and efficiency. In an interview, the governor stated that the policies of the administration and its campaign for economical and efficient management [Continued on Page Four.]

## IN A BLUE FUNK

Col. Roosevelt So Describes Himself to a Lady.

It Was Because He Couldn't Attend a Jungle Dinner.

New York, May 3.—Lady Constance MacKenzie, big game hunter, who came here recently after an African hunt, was hostess at a jungle dinner at Delmonico's.

The telephone rang and Lady MacKenzie answered. "It's Col. Roosevelt and he's talking from Syracuse," answered the hostess. "He says he's in a blue funk because he can't get away."

Lady MacKenzie exhibited baby cheeks and lion cubes and "Tots," the clever ape she captured.

## LOOK OUT FOR FROST

Hail Has Caused a Considerable Drop in Temperature.

Although the minimum temperature of 52 degrees at Topeka this morning was two degrees above normal for this date, it was the lowest recorded at Topeka since April 17. The sky was as clear as a bell this morning.

Continued fair weather is predicted with frost in western Kansas and the temperature at Topeka dangerously near the front line.

There have been only two cases of killing frost after this date in the last twenty-eight years—May 4, 1907, and May 19, 1888.

There was a brief but heavy down-pour at Topeka Sunday morning of a purely local nature. The storm netted .18 of an inch of moisture at the home of S. D. (Sunny) Flora, the weather man, on West Sixth avenue, near Wil-low park, while on the Mulvane building, but .09 of an inch was recorded. There was even less at the baseball park. On the West side the rain was accompanied by hail.

Emporia received .24 of an inch of rain. Large hailstones did some damage to tender vegetation. There was a heavy wind at Clay Center that tore limbs from trees.

The temperature today averaged exactly normal. The wind was 25 miles an hour from the northwest this afternoon. The hourly readings:

7 o'clock.....61 11 o'clock.....69  
8 o'clock.....61 12 o'clock.....65  
9 o'clock.....61 1 o'clock.....70  
10 o'clock.....64 2 o'clock.....68

## SUES TOM BOTKIN.

K. C. Southern Brings Action Against Secretary of State.

Suit for recovery of \$2,000 paid the defendant and his predecessor under the corporation tax law, was this afternoon filed in the Shawnee county district court by the Kansas City Southern Railway company against John T. Botkin, as secretary of the state of Kansas.

The petition states that the railroad paid the secretary of state \$1,000 April 13, 1914, and \$1,000 April 29, 1915. Both payments, the plaintiff claims, were made under protest and to avoid a long litigation. In the petition it is alleged that the corporation tax law is unconstitutional.

## GERMAN DIVERS SINK 3 MORE

Renewed Activity Shown by Kaiser's Submarines.

Resumption of Marine Blockade by Wilhelm's Craft.

TEUTON ALLIES COURT ROME

Seek to Prolong Negotiations in Peace Effort.

Turks Report British Repulse; London in Denial.

Sinking of three more vessels in the North sea by German submarines in their campaign is reported today. The Swedish steamer Ellida went to the bottom in less than three minutes after she was torpedoed, but the eighteen persons on board escaped. Trawlers reaching Aberdeen report that two vessels in a fishing fleet less than fifty miles off that port were sunk yesterday.

It is believed in Rome that Austria and Germany have decided on another effort to prolong the negotiations between Italy and the central empires in the hope of reaching peaceful settlement of the territorial dispute. For this purpose it is said that Count Gooduchowski, former Austrian-Hungarian foreign minister, will go to Rome from Vienna. The Italian cabinet has decided not to postpone the assembling of parliament on May 12 and it is thought in Rome that parliament may assist the cabinet in reaching "a decision which appears now to be almost inevitable."

Information from the Dardanelles by way of London is that the bombardment of the Turkish forts was carried on Saturday and that great damage was inflicted by the warships of the allied fleet. The town of Dardanelles is said to have been destroyed. The Turkish war office, however, states that no action was attempted by the [Continued on Page Two.]

## PETITIONS HEAVEN

Woman Kneels in Prayer at the Transfer Station.

Supposed to Have Been Asking for a New One.

A more-or-less noisy demonstration of a colored woman under the influence of liquor in front of the transfer station Sunday evening was interrupted by Will Anderson, secretary in the county attorney's office. The woman was put off a street car because she persisted in waving a whisky bottle around her head and lifting her voice in sundry yells.

In front of the transfer station she dropped on her knees and began to pray—as one was suggested she may have been praying for a new station. Here Anderson interrupted and ordered her to move on. Two colored men came to the woman's rescue.

The trio scooted in the direction of Jackson street.

## WOULD DISMISS IT.

City's Attorneys File a Motion in Gage Park Case.

Attorneys for the city of Topeka today filed with the supreme court a motion to dismiss the quo warrant proceedings to block sale of concession privileges at Gage park. The case was filed in the supreme court last week by property owners in the Gage park district.

Under provisions of the original grant of the Gage park property to the city, it was held that sale of concession rights was prohibited. The city had recently advertised for bids for concession privileges. Attorneys for the city today denied the right of the resident property owners to interfere and filed motion for a dismissal of the action. It is probable that the case will be heard by the supreme court some time this week.

## RAILROADS WIN POINT

Eleven Lines in Missouri Rate Case to File Briefs.

Jefferson City, May 3.—Eleven railroads of Missouri were authorized by the state supreme court today to file briefs in the case brought by the attorney general and against the Chicago and Alton to recover excess charges collected while the freight and passenger rate laws were in litigation.

The circuit court of Saline county decided this case in favor of the C. & A., holding the attorney general could not recover the excess charges on behalf of the state or unnamed shippers. The attorney general appealed to the supreme court.

## NEGRO SLAYS AUTHOR

Negro Confesses to Killing of Noted Southern Educator.

Birmingham, Ala., May 3.—Jesse White, a negro, county officials say, confessed in jail here today that he killed Dr. Charles Clifton Ferrell, a noted southern author and educator, last night at Praco, a mining camp near here. It was thought last night that Dr. Ferrell had been killed by a burglar, but White's story is that as he was passing the commissary of the Export-Pratt Co. company, Dr. Ferrell fired on him with a pistol, and he returned the fire with a shotgun and ran away. Bloodhounds found the negro.

## GRAVE!

BRYAN DISTURBED

State Department Visibly Disturbed Over Attacks.

Admit Situation Tense Over Sea Disasters.

GERMAN SILENCE IS OMINOUS

Kaiser's Representatives Not Quick to Comment.

Blasting of Gulf Flight Magnifies Cushing Wreck.

Washington, May 3.—The state department today faced perhaps the gravest situation since the European war began, its own officials admitted.

The German embassy, usually so prompt to defend acts of the kaiser's land or sea forces, declined comment or explanation concerning the bombardment of the American steamship Cushing, by a German aviator near the Dutch coast last Thursday, or the torpedoing of the American tanker Gulf flight with the loss of the lives off the Scilly Islands late Saturday.

Secretary Bryan was noncommittal concerning the outlook. The department seemed as much perturbed concerning the Cushing as over the case of the Gulf flight. The Cushing's name appeared so plainly on its side and so conspicuous were the marks of its nationality, it was said, that the attack was particularly hard to condone in the view of officials.

For the torpedoing of the Gulf flight on its way to the French port of Rouen with an oil cargo, which the Germans were admittedly naturally anxious to prevent from reaching the enemy, it was held some excuse might be made—though not for the vessel's destruction under circumstances responsible for the loss of American lives.

Concerning the Cushing, it was stated Ambassador Gerard had been directed to ascertain the facts and determine whether the aviator's action was upheld by the foreign office, and, if so, ask for a German official explanation of the Scilly Isles. Mr. Dyke was also instructed to get all possible details from the American consul at Rotterdam.

President Is Silent.

Washington, May 3.—President Wilson arrived in Washington today at 9:50 a. m. from Williamstown. He went at once to the White House.

He was told at New Haven of the torpedoing of the Scilly Isles of the American tanker Gulf flight, supposedly by a German submarine, but would not comment on the incident.

Consul Reports Torpedoing.

Washington, May 3.—The first official report of the torpedoing of the American tanker Gulf flight reached the state department in an undated dispatch from Consul Stephens at Plymouth, saying the attack was made Saturday, but the vessel was still afloat and patrol boats were attempting to tow her to the Scilly Islands. Consul Stephens' message said:

"American tank steamer Gulf flight torpedoed off Scilly Islands first instant. Captain died. No survivors. Body landed. Two crew drowned; 34 saved; vessel afloat; patrol boats attempting to tow her to Scilly."

Consul Stephens' message said the steamer, Baldwin, was sunk by a German submarine in the North sea on Sunday. The crew numbering 17 men were allowed to take to their boats. Today they landed on Scilly. No shots were fired into the Baldwin before she went down.

## SHOT BY HOLDUP MEN

Three Men Held for Death of Lecompton Movie Owner.

Lecompton, Kan., May 3.—Oscar Wilson, owner of the Lecompton theater, was shot and probably fatally wounded last night when he failed to respond quickly to the command of three young men to throw up his hands. Then Wilson was robbed of a watch and eighty cents. The police declare three young men who live in Fredonia and who are under arrest at Lawrence have confessed the crime. None is over 19 years of age.

## WHY THE WAR WAS STARTED.

Shanghai, May 3.—A summary of events leading up to the war is somewhat more correct in its facts than in its rhetoric and grammar, is published in L'Echo de Chine, a French journal edited by a young Chinaman. Translated literally, it reads:

"Now there is great battle in Europe. This began because the Prince of Austria went to Serbia with his wife. One man of Serbia killed him.  
"Austria was angry, and so wrote Serbia.  
"Germany write letter to Austria, 'I will help you.'  
"Russia write letter to Serbia, 'I will help you.'  
"France did not want to fight, but they got ready their soldiers.  
"Germany write letter to France, 'You don't get ready, or I will fight you in nine hours.'  
"Germany to fight them, pass Belgium.  
"Belgium say, 'I am a country; I am not Austria.' And Belgium write letter to England about Germany